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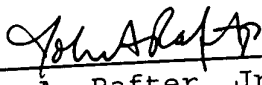
Claims 1-36 are pending in the present application. Claim 1, 14, 17 and 18 have been amended and new Claims 37-40 have been added by this Amendment.

It is submitted that these claims are supported by the application as originally filed and add no new matter, and that this application is in condition for examination.

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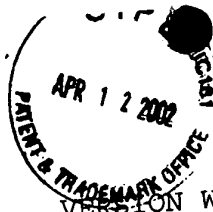
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO ~~SHOW CHANGES MADE~~

1. (Amended) A method of training a data reader operator, wherein the operator passes an item through the read volume of a data reader, comprising the steps of:

reading a symbol on the item to obtain symbol data and item identification data;

monitoring reading technique to obtain read technique data;

sending the item identification data and the read technique data to an evaluation system;

obtaining optimum read technique data [corresponding to the item];

comparing the read technique data to the optimum read technique data to determine an effectiveness of the reading technique;

providing feedback indicating the effectiveness of the reading technique.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of obtaining optimum read technique data comprises accessing a lookup table containing predetermined optimum read technique data for an item corresponding to the symbol data.

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17. (Amended) A method according to claim 16 further comprising the steps of scanning a plurality of items[, wherein the step of obtaining a dynamic weight comprises] and calculating an average dynamic weight of the plurality of items.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim 17 [wherein the step of comparing the dynamic weight of the item to the optimum dynamic weight comprises] further comprising the step of comparing the average dynamic weight of the plurality of items to a predetermined average dynamic weight standard.